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Dear Mr. Johnston, after having read your printed and written words I am convinced that you did not collect P. Stephensi. I am sorry I did not see your specimens. You claim to have identified your specimens with the type of P. Stephensi; but to identify the color of the fresh flowers of your specimens with the faded color of those of the type collected about twenty years previously is an impossibility. Dr. Hall saw the fresh specimens of P. Stephensi while its flowers were bright and he agrees with me.

I thank you for your letter concerning my birthday a luncheon from the Faculty Club was served in the Herbarium and attended by the botanists of the Univ. Keep in mind that Dr. Hall and I have seen the fresh plant and that you have not.

Yours truly
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